

**CITY OF ROCHESTER
COMMITTEE ON URBAN DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENT
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The Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE) met at 11:30AM on Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Room 320 City Hall, Rochester, MN.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Judisch – Chair, Dick Abraham, Gail Eadie, Mark Engel, Sandi Goslee, Mark Jasmin, John Klopp, Lindsey Meek, Kathryn Moe, Roger Nelson, Dave Petersen, Terry Spaeth, Pauline Walle, Jean Weathers-Lowin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nora Dooley, Zach Thaler

OTHERS PRESENT: Norm Erickson

The meeting began at 11:35.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Peak Oil

Norm Erickson gave a PowerPoint presentation on peak oil. The slides included information on the history of oil exploration, production, and usage, indicating that with a finite supply of this fuel we cannot continue our current consumption patterns. We must explore and formulate energy alternatives. Education and awareness training will be a huge part of this process.

Mr. Erickson listed the following websites for further information: www.mnenergychallenge.org , www.iclei.org , www.transitiontowns.org , www.postcarbon.org , www.usmayors.org

Mr. Erickson finished his presentation by stating that CUDE can best support this by encouraging our local government to rethink urban design. Practices he suggested CUDE support include mixed use development, transit, housing code amendments, solar access regulations, block grants for energy efficient projects, waste heat capture and reuse, and community gardens/farmers' markets.

OLD BUSINESS

CUDE Awards Update

Ms. Goslee stated that the CUDE Awards will be held on February 24th at 7:30 at the Rochester Art Center. Our 2009 budget allotment will determine whether we serve a full breakfast as in years past or go to a continental breakfast.

Complete Streets Update

Ms. Eadie gave an update on the "complete streets" project. Go out to www.completestreets.org for an explanatory slideshow. Mr. Engel also provided insight on the project. Mr. Jasmin stated that it is being discussed at the State level as well.

Other

Ms. Eadie stated that we need to discuss whether we want to stick to the time allotments listed in the agenda or want to continue to have more of a free flowing meeting. Mr. Petersen stated that it would be good to allot time at the end

of each meeting to recap what was discussed. The group agreed and also agreed that we need to have each guest speaker provide a synopsis of action items they have for CUDE.

Adjourn – 12:55 PM

Next meeting will be January 15, **NOON**.